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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT &amp; TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Robert Dale Haun )  
 Serial No.: 10/041,832 ) Group Art Unit: 3618  
 Filed: October 19, 2001 ) Examiner: Christopher Bottorff  
 For: Hinge Assembly for Utility )  
       Vehicle Hood )

## AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of June 17, 2003. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 7-10 and objected to claim 6.

## IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Currently Amended) For a tractor equipped with a loader bucket, a hinge assembly for hinging a tractor hood on a utility vehicle tractor body so as to enable the hood to open upwardly and backwardly from the front end of the utility vehicle tractor, the hinge assembly comprising a double-rocker, four-link mechanism, including a bracket comprising one link, the bracket being mounted to an underside of the tractor hood, near a back end of the tractor hood.